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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter, I am transmitting the following Amendment of California's 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). This amendment includes programming modifications to the rural, non-Metropolitan Planning Organization portion of the state and applies specifically to Kings County. Enclosed you will find a copy of this Amendment for your approval.

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 4 | Local Element <ul style="list-style-type: none">Deletes the North of SR 198, East of the Kings River Scenic Easement Acquisition project. The project includes Transportation Enhancement Activity (TEA) program funds Transit Element <ul style="list-style-type: none">Adds or modifies various projects for the Kings County Area Public Transit Agency. The projects include Federal Transit Administration (FTA) section 3037 and 5307 program funds. |


The updated programming is for project types that have been found by the Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) to conform to applicable air quality regulations. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the KCAG and the Council of Fresno County Governments (COFCG), the COFCG makes the finding of air quality conformity for Kings County. Documentation is enclosed from the COFCG that satisfies this requirement.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. This Amendment was prepared under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies and other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

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Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Muhaned Aljabiry of my staff at (916) 654-3521.

Sincerely,


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Enclosures

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